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Liked Dosoris Story

Mr. Carl Kohler's story on Historic Dosoris in the April issue of the Forum was extremely interesting to me and many of my Glen Cove friends.

Certainly there is no more interesting country in this part of Long Island than that which he describes in the article and the Forum has done a great service in making it possible to preserve some of the high-lights of the early happenings there.

Mr. Kohler is particularly versed to tell us about old Dosoris because he was one of Mr. George Price's "boys". He enjoyed the rare privilege of exploring that part of north shore Long Island with that great gentleman in the days before Dosoris had changed so completely as it has today.

Robert R. Coles, Director
 The Little Museum
 Glen Cove

Note: Mr. Coles, an executive of the Hayden Planetarium for many years, is the author of a very interesting pamphlet entitled "The Long Island Indian", written primarily for young people. He also wrote the story of Glen Cove for Bailey's two volume Long Island History (1949). The pamphlet, which sells for \$1 postpaid, may be obtained by addressing Mr. Coles as above.

Lloyd's Neck Transfer

How and why did Huntington Town, Suffolk County, take Lloyd's Neck from Oyster Bay Town in 1878? T.S.H. Answer: By State legislation agreeable to Lloyd's Neck taxpayers.

It seems to me the world is getting better. Up to about sixty years ago it was lawful to shoot at game birds, robins, meadowlarks, etc. (Mrs.) Nancy Woodruff, Franklin Square.

When the gasoline oysterboat blew up at Greenport in 1902, a movement was started there to return to sails, but it didn't take. George R. Flanders.

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General Nathaniel Woodhull's Death

THE Revolutionary War, the stirring events of the Battle of Long Island, and the seven years of British occupation of the Island are now so far back in the past that very little interest is displayed in them except by those who have made history their study. The hardships endured, the fierce passions aroused in the breasts of patriots and Tories alike, are all but forgotten by generations living amid comforts and conveniences that even the wealthy did not enjoy in those days. Today we can travel the length of Long Island in three or four hours where it took as many days in 1776, and we can communicate with people from one end of the Island to the other in a matter of minutes.

When we understand those differences we can appreciate to some extent the difficulties experienced by American officers of the Revolution in carrying out orders when mounted couriers were the only means of communication between them.

When the war began, Col. Nathaniel Woodhull of Mastic was President of The New York Provincial Congress, and being an experienced military man he left the presidential chair for the field, where he was made a Brigadier-General. He seems to have worked under a conflict of authority, taking orders from both the Provincial Congress and General Washington.

The purpose of this story is to relate events in the life of Gen. Woodhull at that time which bring out one of the finest traits in the character of that native Long Island General, how he saved two American officers from the fate that he met with courage and devotion to the patriot cause.

During the Revolution, and for many years after, the

John Tooker

territory now known as the Borough of Brooklyn was made up of small villages and farms often widely separated from each other, and in one of those villages, that of Bedford, lived a brave little Dutch farmer named Lambert Suydam.

The junction of three important roads in the center of the village gave to the vicinity the name of Bedford Corners. The Brooklyn and Jamaica Road from Fulton Ferry passed through the village and continued east to Jamaica. The Clove Road, so named because it passed through a clove or cleft in the hills, ran south to Flatbush, and the Cripplebush Road ran northeast from Bedford Corners to Newtown. A map of 1766-67 shows Suydam's farm on the north side of the Brooklyn and Jamaica Road and east of the Cripplebush Road.

Lambert Suydam was captain of a cavalry troop called the Kings County Horse which had been organized in Bedford, and had two other Suydams on the roster, probably

relatives of the captain. Hendrick Suydam was clerk of the troop, and Jacob Suydam was a private. The short, compact, frame of Capt. Suydam did not make a very imposing figure on horseback, but what he lacked as an impressive military man was more than made up by his courage and honesty.

His fiery, resolute character that permitted no insults to his dignity, or encroachments on what he considered his rights, would have delighted Petrus Stuyvesant if he had lived in his time. Capt. Suydam took great pride in mounting a big farm-horse, and at the head of his troop patrolling the Clove Road to Flatbush, the Bedford Road to Jamaica, or scouting along the Kings Highway to discover signs of the enemy advance.

General Washington was anxious to get all the cattle in Kings and Queens Counties out of reach of the British, and assigned that task to Gen. Woodhull. Capt. Suydam with his troop assisted Gen. Woodhull in that foray and, leaving



Woodhull's Capture (From an old print)

only one cow to a family, they gathered up all the others and drove them to the Hempstead Plains where they had difficulty in finding water for so many. That raid did not make any friends for the General and Captain among the Flatlands and Jamaica farmers.

One of Gen. Woodhull's last orders, issued while the Battle of Long Island was raging to the westward, was to detach Capt. Suydam from guard duty at Jamaica and send him eastward, for he would not permit any American officer to share the danger in which he found himself.

Capt. Suydam met Col. Potter of the Suffolk County Militia near Hempstead and that officer, yielding to the panic that gripped so many at that time, ordered Capt. Suydam and his men to leave the island. Although he doubted the wisdom of the order, Capt. Suydam obeyed it, abandoned his horses, and he and his men crossed the Sound to Westchester. By October they were in a destitute condition, and the New York Provincial Congress, to which they had appealed, granted them pay as on active service.

It is not known if Capt. Suydam acted as a spy for General Washington, but the fact that he paid several visits to Bedford while the British were occupying his premises leads one to suspect that he may have done so. On one of his visits the British surrounded his house, but through the efforts of Mrs. Suydam he managed to elude them and escape. After a year of exile he signed the submission and was permitted to return to his home. A few years later some of his troopers were captured by the British in New Jersey and brought back to Long Island as prisoners.

The other American officer saved by Gen. Woodhull from capture and imprisonment was Col. Joseph Robinson, of Scotch descent, and born at St. Croix in the Danish West

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MANY of us delight in watching birds, in providing food for them when necessary, and in making friends with them. Bird antics often fascinate us and perhaps the retelling of some observations of local bird behavior will recall similar experiences to our readers.

Catbirds are friendly creatures and their black beady eyes seldom let you out of sight for long. They do not like to bother with feeding stations — would much rather come right up to the back door and wait for your personal attention. With some care and a bit of bird talk on your part catbirds will fly to your outstretched hand for raisins. They may have many misgivings, entrances and exits, but finally will end up sitting on your fingers as they go to work on the raisins.

A Blue Jay in a single frugal act broke two admonitions of the Bible. I saw one eat bread crumbs until completely filled. He tried to hide a final crust from squirrels which are always around. The jay dragged a dead oak leaf to the food and covered the crust with the leaf. The Bible suggests we should not lay up treasures nor take much thought for the morrow, what we should eat!

I fully expect to be bird-handled on the head by enraged terns. During their nesting season they want no foreign element near their nests. They become suspicious of persons a good quarter of a mile away. Their screaming and diving is more purposeful the closer one approaches. Then the bombings commence with more or less accuracy, and the shots improve with practice. By the time the visitor is within sight of the eggs or young the terns are beside themselves and their dives terminate inches from

Julian Denton Smith

Secretary Nassau County Historical Society

one's hair. One day they will become mad enough to end a dive in a head-on collision.

Have you ever noticed how busy the gulls are on Jones Beach between the time the crowds go home at the end of the day and the arrival of the tractor-trains to clear the refuse baskets? The gulls have found the baskets contain eatables of infinite variety.

They settle on and in the baskets clawing over the contents. Some birds have learned to combine their weight and effort to tip over the baskets which facilitates the hunt for food. There is usually enough discarded menu in one basket to feed several gulls.

Redwing Blackbirds are always very much at home in plume grass. They appear to delight in clutching a cane and swaying in the breeze. On still days I have seen them



Canada Goose (From a woodcut by the late Loring M. Turrell, M. D.)

speed into a brake and sway back and forth as long as there is any pedulum-like response in the cane.

A Sparrow Hawk is almost dainty in the way he comes to rest on a pine tree. They like pines, especially the very tip-top,—they are never satisfied with a lower place. The needles of the top shoot incline slightly to the sides leaving a sort of open basket around the leading bud. There is only one way for a bird to settle into such a basket and that is to drop right in. The Sparrow Hawk does just that. He hovers above the basket, gradually losing altitude and finally drops in. If the tip-top is moving in the wind, the hawk seems to become synchronized with the motion. Whenever he misses his aim, the needles do more than tickle!

During the fall migration of loons the weaker and disabled frequently come ashore and hitch themselves across the beach and up to the top of a first line dune. The tracks in the sand look as tho made by a giant zipper. The loons rest quietly all day and in the dusk take off by leaping directly into the air from the dune top—a take-off without benefit of water. They usually let a person get near enough to them to see their unusual feet before becoming too nervous and complaining.

One day last summer all the birds in the neighborhood seemed to gather in my backyard and set up an unearthly clatter and commotion. Jays were mixed with robins, vireos and sparrows, warblers and a tanager—all yelling like crazy. Their attentions seemed directed under the grapevines. I found a two-foot garter snake stretched beneath the vines waiting patiently for something to distract the birds from their attack on him. The whole affair seemed the rallying of aerial forces against a common enemy.

An easy way to recognize a Marsh Hawk is by its habit of flying beneath the horizon. In its search for mice, frogs and so forth it holds so close to the

ground that it appears beneath the eye level. Marsh Hawks are not overly accurate in pouncing upon a target. They do well to maintain a 50-50 average as their reactions are all a bit slow.

Several years ago we had a total eclipse of the sun. As the moon blotted out the light our chickens went up on their roosts. At the height of the weird, gray light a Whippoorwill announced himself rather doubtfully and discreetly. It seemed he might be wondering what in the world he was talking about.

No such thing as a code of ethics exists among our feathered friends. Watch a sea gull drop a clam on the sand or parkway to open it. He loses no time in descending upon it and frequently gets there a mere bird's length ahead of another of his kind that had swooped in for an unearned feed. Sometimes one will yank the food out of another's mouth in midair.

A Junco came into the house last winter. In his fright and frenzy to get out, he flew against window panes until he knocked himself almost unconscious. I picked him up and found his heart beating at a great rate. That speedy heart-beat is a normal condition with birds, the same as a body temperature of 105 to 115 degrees is common and customary. I let the bird leave my hand at the front door and he did exactly as do so many crippled and injured birds—headed into a thick blue spruce to hide. Birds never leave such protection until completely able to care for themselves.

White seems to have an especial appeal to birds when building nests. A neighbor hung out small pieces of ribbon and cloth one spring. The white pieces went immediately into the nests and sometimes colored pieces were never carried away, particularly reds. Nests show pieces of newspaper, white feathers, white shells, white hair and

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Southold's Versatile Physician

ACTIVITY and versatility packed the short forty-three-year life of Franklin Tuthill, scion of Southold's Henry Tuthill, progenitor of the numerous Tuthills and Tuttles of Long Island. He was born at Wading River in 1822, the second son of Captain Nathaniel Tuthill, mariner and shipbuilder, and Clarissa, the daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Miller of Miller Place.

When Franklin was fifteen, his parents moved to Greenport where the Captain established a shipyard at the foot of Tuthill street, now Central avenue, which he later sold to Hiram Bishop. Franklin's brother Ellsworth became a fish factory owner at the east end. Another brother, George Miller Tuthill, became a prominent clergyman in Chicago and still another brother, James Harvey Tuthill, served as State Senator and for some twenty years as Surrogate of Suffolk County. Their sister Sarah, a graduate of Mt. Holyoke, taught school at Southold and at Farmington, Ct., and became an accomplished artist.

Franklin Tuthill entered Amherst College at the age of fourteen, graduating four years later and in 1844 completing a medical course at the University of the City of New York. The same year he began practising at Southold and two years later married Emma Harriet Horton, daughter of Salter Storrs Horton and Harriet Case Horton. Horton, who died prior to the marriage of his daughter, had served Southold as postmaster, librarian and carpenter. In the latter capacity in 1836 he had built a parsonage for the Old First Church. Dr. Tuthill succeeded his late father-in-law as postmaster.

Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood

In the fall of 1850 when Southold belatedly celebrated its bicentennial, among the sponsors of the occasion were the local minister, Rev. George F. Wiswell; David Philander Horton, a budding music teacher destined to gain renown in that field, and Dr. Tuthill. Among the toasts proposed at the celebration was one to "the medical faculty" of the community which included besides young Tuthill, Drs. Seth H. Tuthill, David Van Scoy and Ira Corwin.

The singing on the program was led by Dr. Tuthill's close friend, Prof. Horton, who taught vocal classes in the local Presbyterian lecture hall, known as the Prayer Room, and called by the younger set of that day the Eel Pot because of its suggestive contour. It was the Professor who requested the young Doctor to stand beside one elderly, unmusical singer and to poke him in the ribs each time he emitted a discord. According to Edward G. Huntington, the old gentleman, as a result of Dr. Tut-

hill's constant prodding, was "black and blue from hip to top-rib".

In 1851 the young physician was nominated for Member of Assembly by the Whigs, at which the local non-Whig weekly editorialized that "We can say nothing against our friend, the Doctor, only that he is a Whig. We cannot, however, inform our Whig readers whether he belongs to the Seward or Fillmore wing of his party". But Tuthill was elected and succeeded to the Assembly seat of his wife's uncle, Silas Horton of Hog Neck, Southold.

At Albany the Doctor became intimately associated with Henry J. Raymond, who had been elected Assemblyman from the 9th Ward, Manhattan, while employed on the editorial staff of the New York Courier & Enquirer. When The New York Times first appeared on September 18, 1851, Raymond was its first editor as well as part-owner. Later he became Speaker of the Assembly, Lieutenant Governor and Congressman.

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Southold's Old First Church (From pencil sketch by Cyril A. Lewis)

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Naturally, the great Hambletonian of Long Island lineage, whose story has been told in the Forum leads the "immortal" seven. The statue of his great-grandsire Messenger stands at Locust Valley. World Champions Lady Suffolk of Smithtown and Rarus of Southold town were also descended from Messenger.

The pamphlet is sold at 50c by The Independent Press, Goshen.

Dr. Wood Writes On

"Bunkers and Other Fish" by Dr. Clarence Ashton Wood in your May number gave a lot of us amateur fishermen some pretty fine old time records to equal. Thanks.

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"The Surf Club"

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But on this day it came forth in all its glory, and small boys loved to hear how it had been captured in mighty battle on the Heights of Abraham, and how Uncle Sam had kindly loaned it to his loyal people. Two casks of cannon powder were provided and the noise was such that a poet, Captain Lewis Davis, some years later wrote:

Whose each discharge the
ground made shake
And echoes boom o'er vale
and hill,
The water dance in Satterly's
lake,
The glass to crack in church
and mill.

Captain John Van Brunt led the militia; the oration was delivered by John Woodhull, and John R. Satterly read the Declaration of Independence. The committee of three to plan the toasts to be drunk that day consisted of Captain James Smith, William Jayne and my great-grandfather Thomas Strong. I have no account of those toasts, but I think an old paper of toasts for a Fourth of July celebration would give some idea of what the toasts of that time were like. They certainly were frank in giving their opinions.

"The day we celebrate —

Kate Wheeler Strong

it delivered us from British taxation, may it never be forgotten."

"General Washington — his virtues the salvation; his triumphs the boast; his principles the guide; his name the watchword of his country."

"The President of the United States — fallible from necessity: virtuous from choice."

"Governor State of Connecticut — his friends and foes both know many better and many worse men."

"The departed heroes of America — although no statues of trap or marble remind us of their forms, freedom at home and respect abroad remind us of their deeds."

"Our rulers of every grade — especially those who serve their country for their country's good."

"The Army—a kind-hearted friend but a relentless foe."

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"The union of the States—may it never be severed while the earth bears a plant or the sea rolls a wave."

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As the people of Setauket heard the Declaration of In-

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"Longest Haired Lady" Excelled

Since writing the short sketch of "The Longest Haired Lady" (Nov. Forum) I have learned of another L. I. woman whose hair equalled or exceeded that of Mrs. Petty, in length. Recently a friend, Mrs. Halsey Dickenson of Water Mill, showed me a photo of an aunt with the exceptional long hair. I of course was surprised, having always thought Mrs. Petty was "Long Island's One and Only" But I was pleased to learn that L. I. can boast of two exceptional women in that respect. I feel that the following information should be given, to keep the record straight.

Fortunately I have been able to contact the lady, my letter being very graciously answered by her daughter whose letter follows:

"In regard to biographic background of my mother, Mrs. Hannah T. Moore living at Lyn Oaks, Morris Plains, N. J., she is the daughter of the late Abel Corwin and Helen Woodhull of Wading River. She is a direct descendant of Elizabeth Hopkins who came to this country on the Mayflower.

"On her mother's side, she is a direct descendant of General Woodhull of Revolutionary War fame. Her grandfather, Joshua Woodhull and his brothers built the famous Horn Tavern Inn where the stage coaches from New York stopped years ago. On her father's side she is a descendant of Mat-

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Longest Haired Lady

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thias Corwin, who was one of the first settlers of Southold L. I. in 1640.

"Your statement about the Sutherland Sisters, I am afraid is incorrect; there were seven sisters born in Lock Port, N. Y., daughters of Rev. Fletcher Sutherland. At the time my mother was traveling with the sisters, her hair was the finest and longest ever known and golden brown in color.

"Thank you for the copy of the L. I. Forum which we found most interesting, and I hope the above information may be of help to you. "Cora C. Hildebrand"

I might add that in Sag Harbor I was shown a strand of Mrs. Moore's auburn hair, notation on the envelope reading: "6 ft. 5 in. Jan. 1, 1896."

So my Mrs. Petty seems to be relegated to second place.

Elizabeth Chase Hawkins Southampton
Editor's Note: Perhaps other Forum readers know of other Long Islanders of the past worthy of note. Barnum's greatest walker, Steven Talkhouse, was a Montauk Indian.

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Greenport Monument, 1890's

An inquiry in the April Forum as to the identity of the monument shown has brought the following replies which would seem to place the locale at Greenport. The monument, photographed back in the 1890's by Marshall Woodman, late of Amityville, bears the following inscription: "1883. In Memory of Our Fallen Heroes" below the names of Henry M. Wiggins, Chatham Corwin and William S. E. Stratton.

Writes Mrs. Joseph A. Wells of Upper Montclair, N. J.: "I know that Chatham Corwin was born in Greenport and died in the Civil War. Wiggins is also a Greenport name and I would expect that the monument is in a cemetery there. Chatham Corwin was the youngest of the ten children of Mathias and Mary Corwin and my husband's mother was one of his sisters."

Writes Hilary Corwin, counselor at law, of Huntington: "It is my thought that the photo is of the Civil War memorial on Broad street in Greenport. * * * The part of the house shown on the right-hand side of the picture was my birth-place, now torn down."

That was a fine picture of the Raynor house at Westhampton on the May cover and an interesting

description by the venerable owner, Thurston H. Raynor. G. L. Ames, Amityville.



The Monument (From photo by Marshall A. Woodman)

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Woodhull's Death

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Indies in 1742. He came to New York in 1760 and married the daughter of James Cebra of Jamaica, L. I., by whom he had five children, all daughters. When the Revolutionary War began he was made colonel of a regiment of Provincial Militia under the command of Gen. Woodhull.

Col. Robinson spent the night of August 27, 1776 at the home of Mrs. Cebra, his wife's mother, in Jamaica, and the next day he mounted his horse and accompanied Gen. Woodhull to the inn of Increase Carpenter at East Jamaica (now Hollis). He left this inn shortly before Gen. Woodhull was captured.

Col. Robinson managed to get his family safely within the American lines at Woodbury, Conn., and at the end of the war in 1783 he returned to Jamaica, where he became Surrogate of Queens County in 1787 holding that office until his death on Sept. 17, 1815. Joseph Robinson was of good education and manners, and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him as a man of integrity and a patriot.

The inn of Increase Carpenter was built like most Dutch inns of that period with a center hall leading from the front to the back door, which opened on an enclosure. General Woodhull, seated in one of the rooms during a heavy thunder storm, failed to hear the hoofbeats of approaching cavalry, and they were at the front door before he realized his peril. He ran through the hall to the back door, fumbled with the heavy wooden lock, and with the troopers at his heels reached his horse, tied to the enclosure fence.

There is considerable confusion as to what followed, but when Gen. Woodhull offered his sword in token of surrender an officer struck him down. The General threw up his hand to cover his head and received several blows

from a broadsword, nearly severing his arm. It is said that Capt. De Lancey, who commanded the British troops finally restrained the officer. The wounded man was picked up, mounted behind a trooper, and taken to the Jamaica tavern of Robert Hinchman who had himself been wounded by British troopers taking him for General Woodhull. Drs. Jacob Ogden and Daniel Minema of Jamaica came to the tavern to dress Woodhull's wounds, but their offer was refused and a British surgeon attended him. Dr. Ogden was especially skilled and might have saved the patient.

Miss Cebra, a sister of Col. Robinson's wife, visited the sorely wounded man and re-


tained his hat for many years as a cherished memento. When Woodhull told Robert Hinchman's wife that he dreaded being left alone that night, she assured him to "have no anxiety on that score, General, for I will not sleep tonight."

Some time during the night he was removed to the stone church which stood in the middle of the road at the head of the street now called Union Hall, and which was used as a prison by the British. On the morning of August 20th he was taken to Gravesend. Whitehead Hicks, Mayor of New York City from 1766 to 1776, a prominent loyalist and resident of Jamaica, offered his carriage but Sir William Erskine ordered him carried on a litter.

General Woodhull was first taken to the Dutch Church at New Utrecht and from there placed aboard a filthy cattle transport in Gravesend Bay. Later he was removed to the home of Nicassius DeSille and placed on a cot beside one of its spacious fireplaces. It was from here that he sent word to his wife Ruth, a sister of the Signer William Floyd, to bring him what money and provisions she could spare which he had her distribute among his fellow prisoners. She remained with him until he died on September 20, 1776, about three weeks after his capture. His body, minus the wounded arm whose amputation had failed to save him, was prepared for burial



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by the British, after which, accompanied by the sorrowing widow, it was driven the seventy miles to his home at Mastic, arriving there on the 23d.

A resident of Islip later reported having seen the mournful procession pass his home. It is an accepted tradition that Ruth herself drove the team of mules which drew the farm-wagon bearing her husband's hallowed remains. She was accompanied by several of the General's slaves. We have no record of the obsequies, but interment was no doubt in accordance with local custom. The writer's father as late as 1876 built the coffin for one of the Tangier Smith's, his employer, laid the body therein and dug and filled the grave.

General Woodhull's grave was marked by a rude field-stone until 1820 when his descendants erected the white marble headstone that now marks his last resting place. Ruth Woodhull survived her husband 29 years, dying in 1805.

The inn of Increase Carpenter, famous as a patriot meeting place long before the General sought refuge there, was still standing well into the 20th century. It was a favorite stopping place for farmers on their way to and from city markets. The writer saw it many times, but did not know

that it was the scene of Gen. Woodhull's capture, until after it was demolished.

There are several memorials at Hollis in the vicinity of the site of the famous old inn, among them a cannon mounted on a granite base and suitably inscribed which stands in a schoolyard at 192d street north of Jamaica Avenue. A State marker is on Jamaica Avenue at 196th Street, near St. Gabriel's Church, and the Woodhull Day School of St. Gabriel's Church stands on the south side of Woodhull Avenue. On the Union Hall street corner of The Bank of Manhattan Building in Jamaica is a bronze plaque indicating the site of the old stone church and its use as a prison by the British during the Revolution.

More About Major Andre

Interest never ceases in that loyal British subject Major Andre, who met such an ignominious fate. New items about him appear in print frequently. About the year 1886 the granite monument at the site of his execution was blown to pieces by an explosion set off by persons of warped mentality. The news from Tappan spread around the countryside and many people within horse and buggy distance went to see the wreckage.

The place was about four miles from my childhood summer home in Pearl River and we had one of the chunks of granite as a souvenir under a whatnot in our parlor. Incidentally, Mary Tallmadge, sister of Major Benjamin Tallmadge, who had charge of Major Andre during his imprisonment, married David Osborn of New Haven and became my great-great-grandmother.

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Bird Antics

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white cloth. To a bird there is something most attractive about white.

Birds seems to have unlimited power to provide eggs. As youngsters we once removed all the eggs from a robin's nest except one. We promptly lost interest and did not look in the nest again but when the young appeared, there were four baby robins. The classic account of such procedure credits a mother bird with laying 73 eggs in 71 days as day after day an egg was removed to leave only one in the nest. The report records the bird was bewildered and baffled but maintained uninterrupted production.

The story is told of an experiment to find how much birds respond to the magnetic north and south lines. Seven swallows were caught in Bremen, Germany, and immediately flown by plane to London, England. A spot of red paint was daubed on each bird when released from the cage in London. The next morning five of the seven were back at their nests in Bremen. Figure that out!

We call such bird behaviorism "antics." Could it be the normal.

Fanny Bartlett Station

Please thank Mrs. Arnold Rat-tray for telling us (in the May number) where Fanny Bartlett station was and when. I always thought Fanny was a person.

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A Majestic Chestnut

The photograph shown here was taken during the 1890's by the late Marshall Woodman of Amityville somewhere on Long Island. We consulted George H. Peters, president of the L.I. Horticultural Society, and author of "The Trees of Long Island," who writes as follows:

"At least eight good tree men examined the photograph and all agree that it is quite definitely a Chestnut (*Castanea dentata*). Mr.

Ed. Costich, manager of Hicks Nursery, Westbury, states that he personally knew of a Chestnut as big as this one near Wyandanch.

"I am sorry Mr. Henry Hicks couldn't pinpoint the location of the tree but because of the many red cedars in the background we feel it may have stood in the Huntington to Wading River area."

Perhaps some reader will recognize the tree and, if so, give us its exact location.



This Tree Grew on Long Island (from an old photo by Marshall A. Woodman)

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Good sport Jean played the part of the girl who buys nothing to match anything else she has, and looks as if she dressed in the dark and never took a peek in the mirror. She had to wear, in the part she plays, black dress sandals with a gray wool suit and carry a luggage tan shoulder-strap bag, because she didn't use good sense or good taste in shopping. After checking hair, hat, blouse, lapel pin and gloves . . . and the way the clothes were worn, including the posture of the wearer, the students at Traphagen voted a hundred per cent for the neat, well-dressed look of her sister who depicts "Miss Smart."

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Louis Phillippe Roses

When and where did the wreck occur from which were salvaged rose bushes that were named for the ship? A.R.B. Answer: The French ship Louis Philippe, stranded at Mecox, East Hampton town, in 1842.

I see that the New York State Historical Association is to hold its annual meeting this year on Long Island, September 2, 3 and 4 at Stony Brook, a very appropriate place. (Mrs.) Grace L. Trebor, Valley Stream.



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Southold Physician

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As Assemblyman, Tuthill also occasionally served as Speaker, and upon completion of his term took up residence in New York City, subsequently locating on Franklin Street, Brooklyn. In Augustus Maverick's book of 1870, "Henry J. Raymond and The New York Press", the author states that Dr. Tuthill "amused his leisure by writing quaint papers on rural and domestic topics for 'The Times'" and that "the vein of quiet humor and the uniform good sense" of the Doctor's writings especially attracted Raymond's attention.

Tuthill finally accepted a position in the office of The Times and remained in its service several years. Prof. Horton once stated that the united efforts of Raymond and Tuthill "established The New York Times". In 1857 the Doctor was again elected to the Assembly, this time from the 7th District of Kings County. Among the things he advocated was the registration of vital statistics, as shown in a pamphlet on the subject which he issued. He was also in demand as a public speaker on educational subjects.

In 1859 he and his family journeyed to California where his brother-in-law Salter Storrs Horton Jr. had located during the Gold Rush. The latter was one of the group from eastern Long Island who rounded Cape Horn enroute to the West Coast on the

former whaleship Sabina manned by a crew of retired sea captains. Horton later returned to Southold and there served as postmaster and town clerk as had his father and Dr. Tuthill some years before.

In San Francisco Dr. Tuthill assumed charge of the Bulletin and later became its part-owner and publisher. After several years, ill health compelled him to relinquish these activities, but while residing in California he wrote a history of the state, the preface to which he completed just prior to his death. Mrs. Tuthill's mother, while enroute for California in 1862, perished in the burning of the steamer Golden Gate in San Francisco Bay on July 27th of that year.

In 1864 Dr. Tuthill spent some time in southern Europe after which he visited in Brooklyn where he died August 27, 1864 at the age of only forty-three. Three weeks before his death, while visiting Southold, at the Old First Church there, in the words of Prof. Horton, many friends "greeted him as one whom they loved and honored."

His remains were interred in the cemetery adjoining the church, with Rev. Ephraim Whitaker and the Rev. George Wiswell officiating. His widow

later resided at Washington with their only daughter who had married William Redin Woodward, an attorney-at-law. In 1889 Mrs. Tuthill returned to Southold and purchased the one time home of Joseph Hull Goldsmith. Here she spent her final years, sharing the home with her younger sister Jerusha. The latter, known as Aunt Rushie to local people, lived to be 92.

In the Southold cemetery stands a modest granite shaft marking the last resting place of Franklin Tuthill, physician, legislator, journalist, author and postmaster. "His life," wrote Prof. Horton in 1890, "might be studied with great profit by many youthful journalists of the present time", and added: "A brighter, more beloved and capable person never labored and dwelt in Southold."

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Glorious Fourth

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dependence read, how their thoughts must have turned to the tale their pastor, the Rev. Zachariah Greene, had often told them. How his brigade with colors flying had marched from north of Canal street in lower Manhattan to the Battery and there formed in a hollow square with General Washington in the centre. Here with the reader facing the General, the Declaration was first read in public.

When the closing paragraph was read there was a shout from all the people. "United we stand; divided we fall. We must, we shall be free." And Parson Greene, in describing this event, would always add: "Take care of the Union! Do no harm to the Union!"

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Rockaway Iroquois Indians, who
was personally known to me in my
boyhood. I owning the land, have
erected the monument to him and
his tribe, Abraham Hewlett."

Culluloo (a Rockaway) is said to
have been the last survivor of his
tribe which originally occupied the
Rockaway peninsula. The monu-
ment first stood on the east side of
what became Broadway, at Linden
street, in Woodmere. In 1901, how-
ever, it was removed by a develop-
ing company and for thirty years
lay abandoned in a nearby lot.
Hempstead Town Historian Charles
A. Hewlett and other public citi-
zens had the monument mounted
in its present location.

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